

HOUSE No. 1304

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marc T. Lombardo

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act relative to affordable housing units.

PETITION OF:

NAME:

Marc T. Lombardo

DISTRICT/ADDRESS:

22nd Middlesex

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By Mr. Lombardo of Billerica, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1304) of Marc T. Lombardo relative to affordable housing units. Housing.

[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION
SEE HOUSE, NO. 691 OF 2017-2018.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

**In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court
(2019-2020)**

An Act relative to affordable housing units.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 40B of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2008 Official
2 Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the section 20 the following section:-

3 Section 20A. The following words, wherever used in this chapter, shall, unless a different
4 meaning clearly appears from the context, have the following meaning:

5 “Affordable Housing Unit”, any unit assessed at a value affordable to a household
6 earning less than 80% of the area median income. If such unit meets this criterion for a five
7 consecutive years, it shall count toward the town's ten percent of housing unit threshold
8 established pursuant to the definition of “consistent with local needs,” under section 20 of this
9 chapter.

10 The Department of Housing and Community Development, as established in section 1 of
11 chapter 23B, shall promulgate regulations for the implementation of this section.